

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
SECOND ASSEMBLY - THIRD SESSION

Statement request
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Response due
in two weeks
Chief
Clerk
3/7/2019

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing regarding controversial approvals and permits for construction of extra storeys to old buildings in the City.

Hon. Speaker, various private developers have embarked on construction works for the addition of extra floors to existing old buildings across the City, despite suspension notices by National Construction Authority (NCA). The said construction works have been undertaken without regard to safety of tenants occupying said buildings, for instance the construction of extra floors and renovation of Kenya House, a commercial building on Koinange Street in Nairobi.

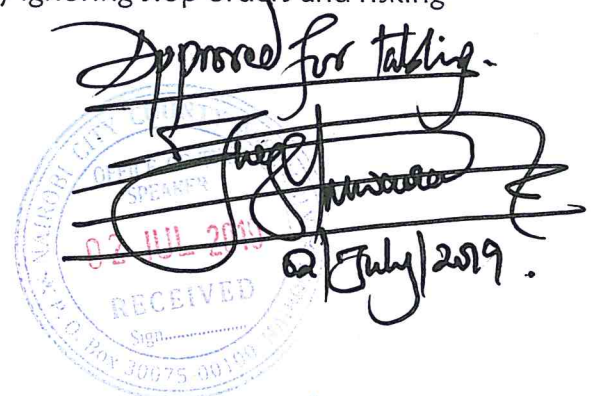
The developer has repeatedly defied NCA orders to stop renovation. The orders were issued last November 21, 2018. It is strange that the County would issue approvals for continued development despite clear warnings by the NCA on the dangers posed by the said renovations on such old buildings.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:-

- i) Procedure for authorization of construction works involving addition of floors to old buildings across the County;
- ii) Who authorized the continued construction of extra floors on Kenya House despite warnings on the dangers posed by such works from the NCA;
- iii) Measures taken against County Planning Officials who colluded with the developer to continue works despite warnings on the dangers posed to the Public;
- iv) Steps taken by the County to immediately undertake an audit of such projects and enforce stop orders where findings recommend a stoppage to all works;
- v) Action taken against the developer for continuously ignoring stop orders and risking the lives of residents who use the premises.

Hon. Peter Imwatok, MCA
MEMBER FOR MAKONGENI WARD

Date: 2/07/19.



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